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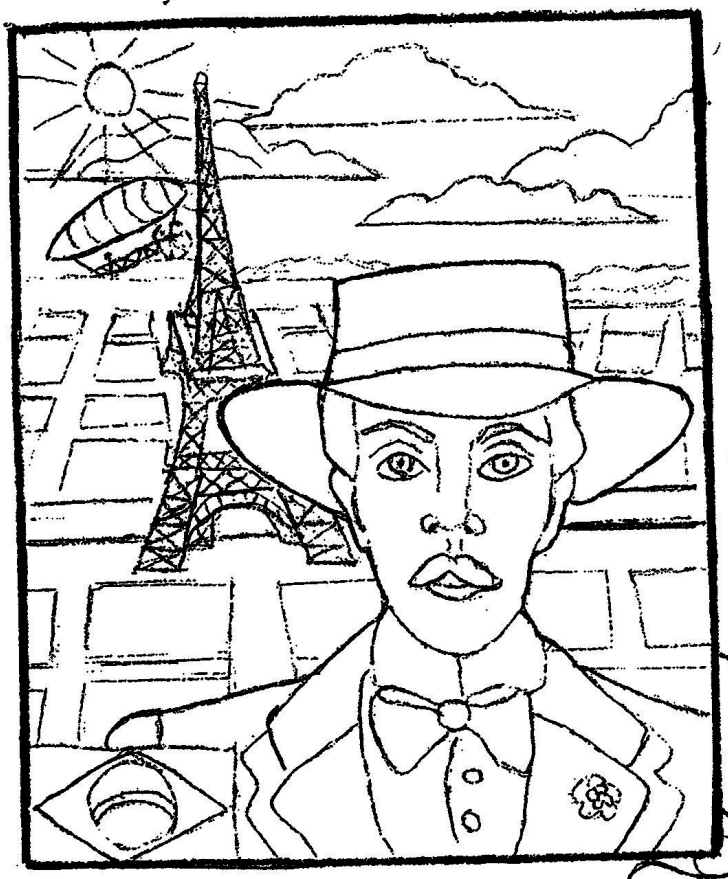
The Story of Alberto Santos-Dumont



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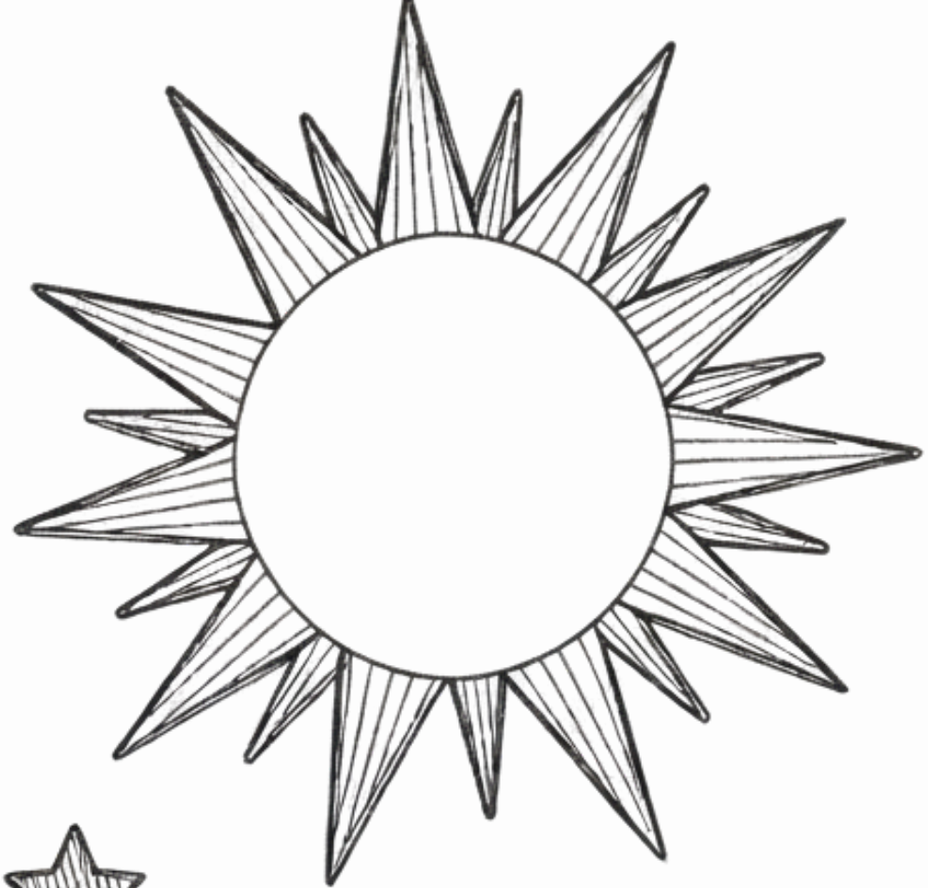

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Spanish and English

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Follow Your Dreams, The Story of Alberto Santos-Dumont.

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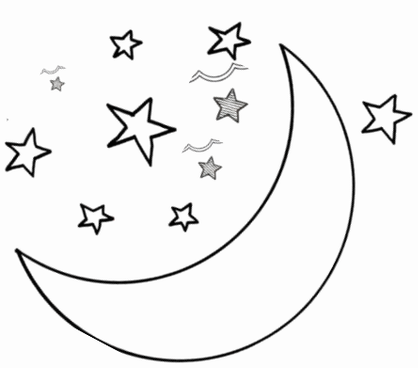

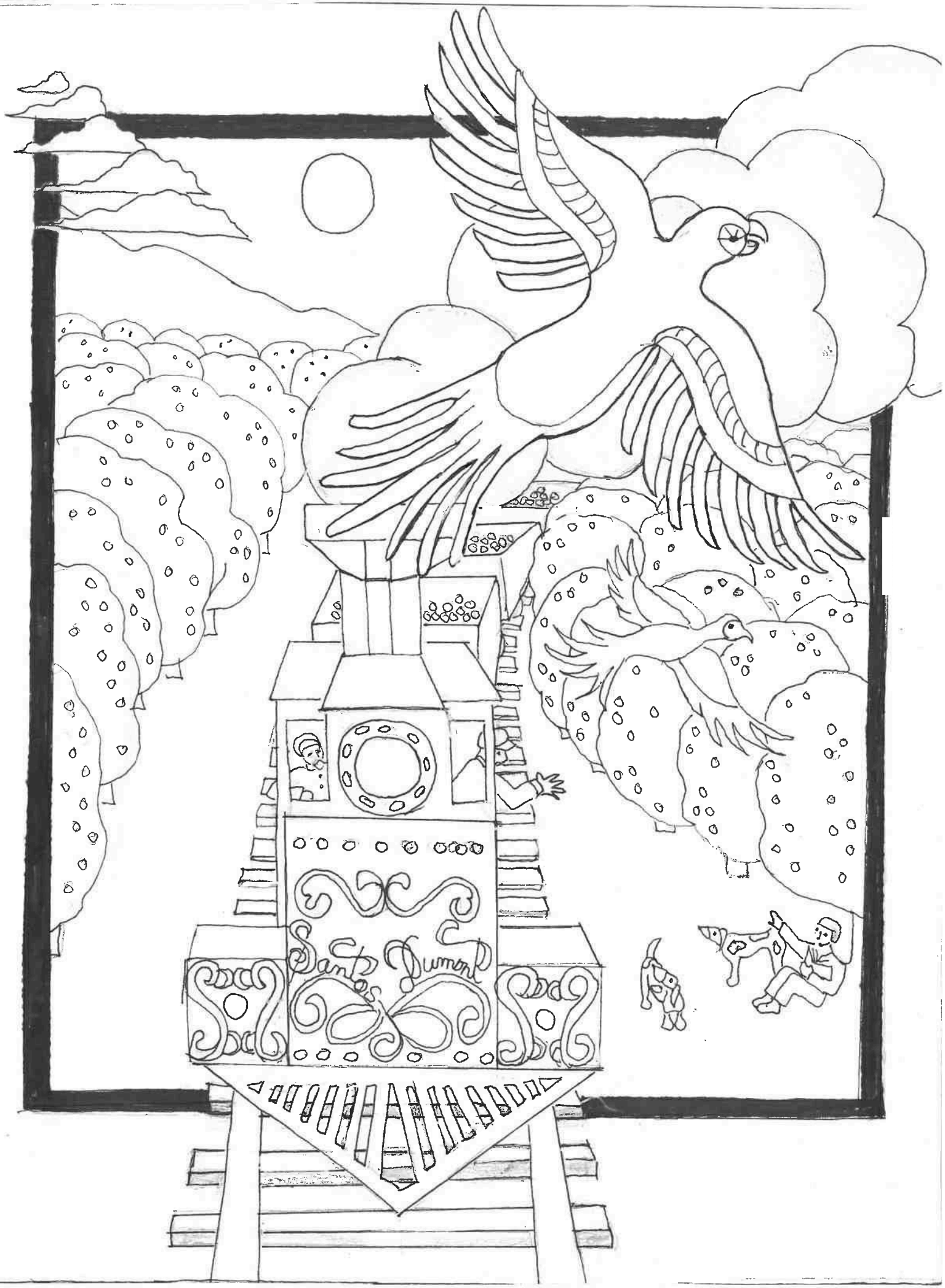
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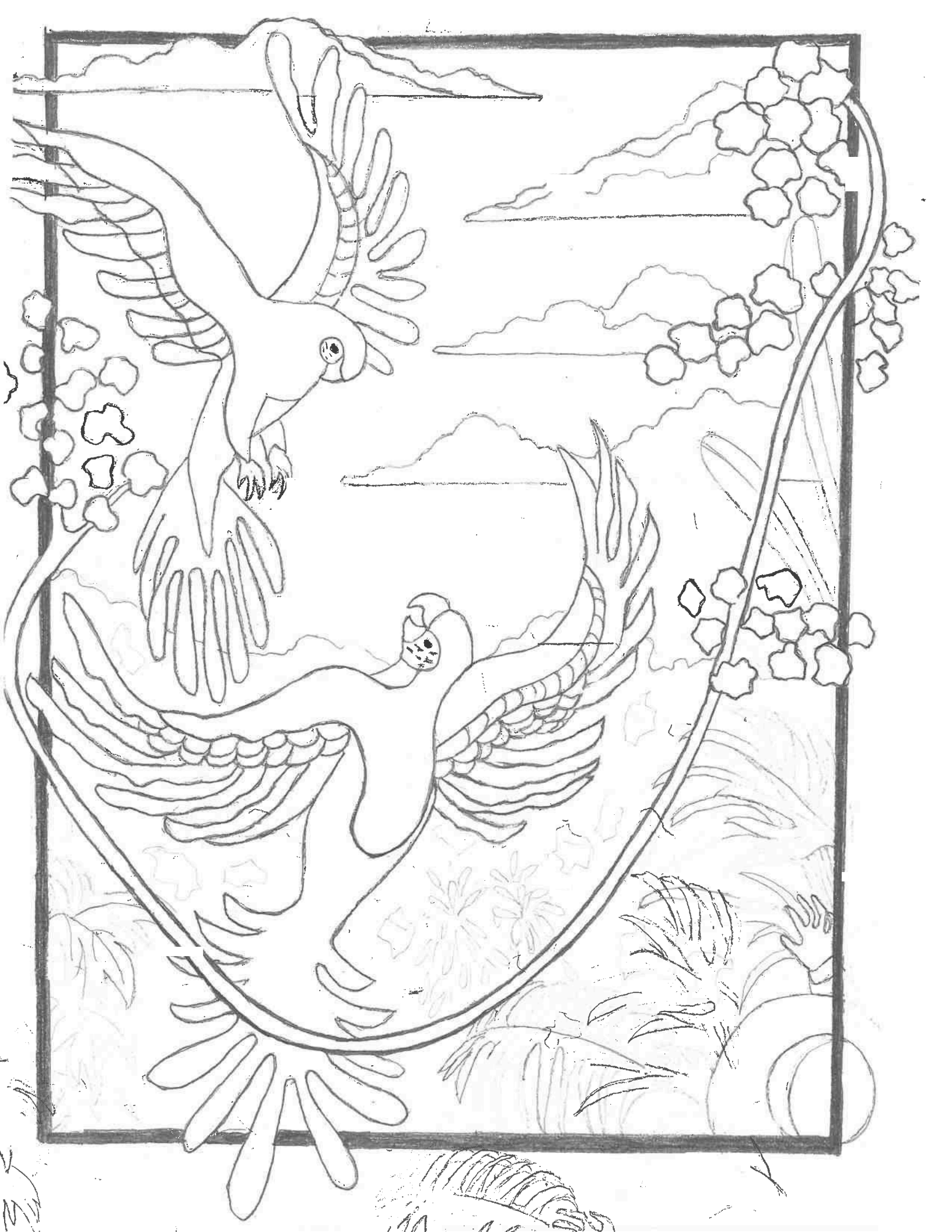
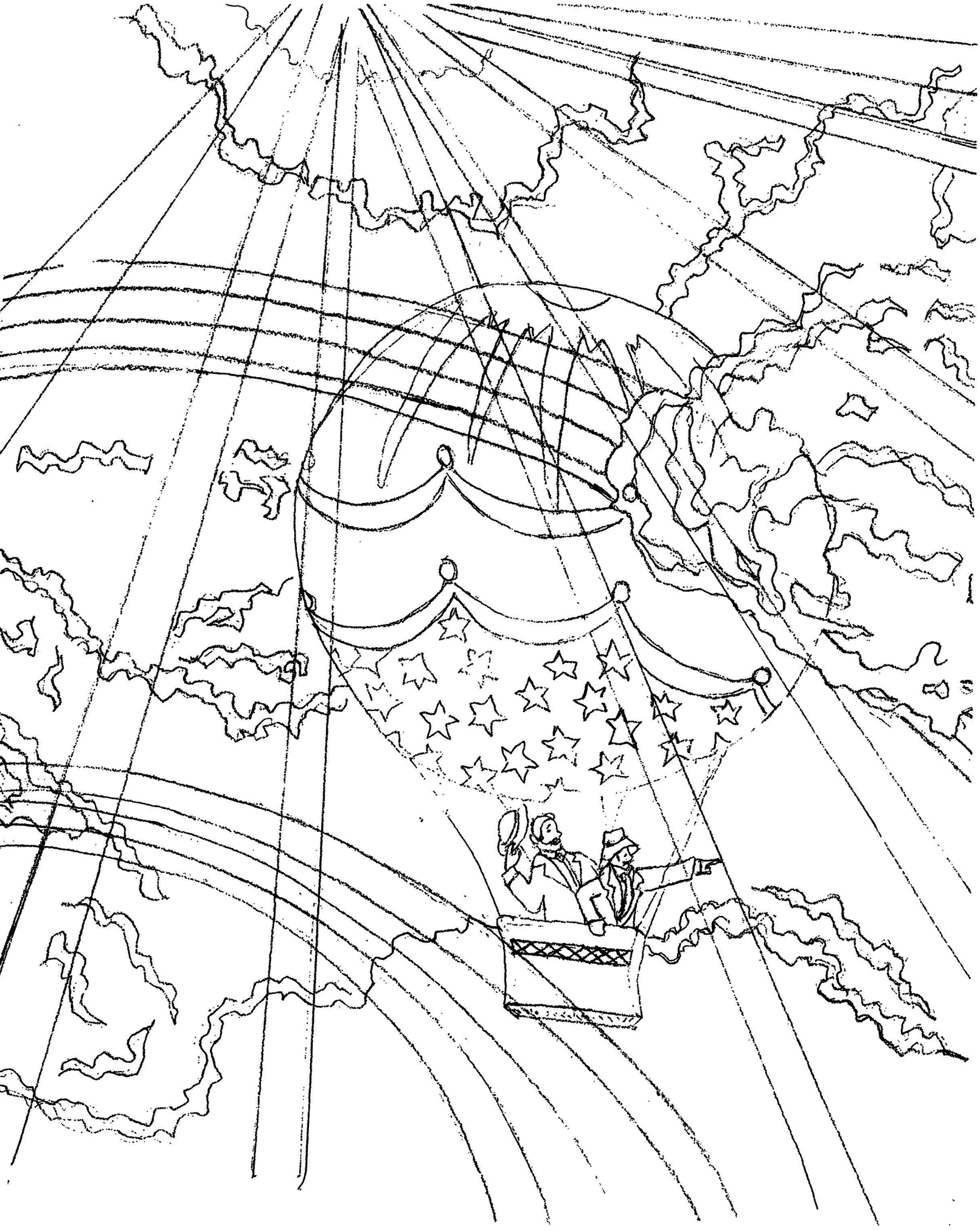
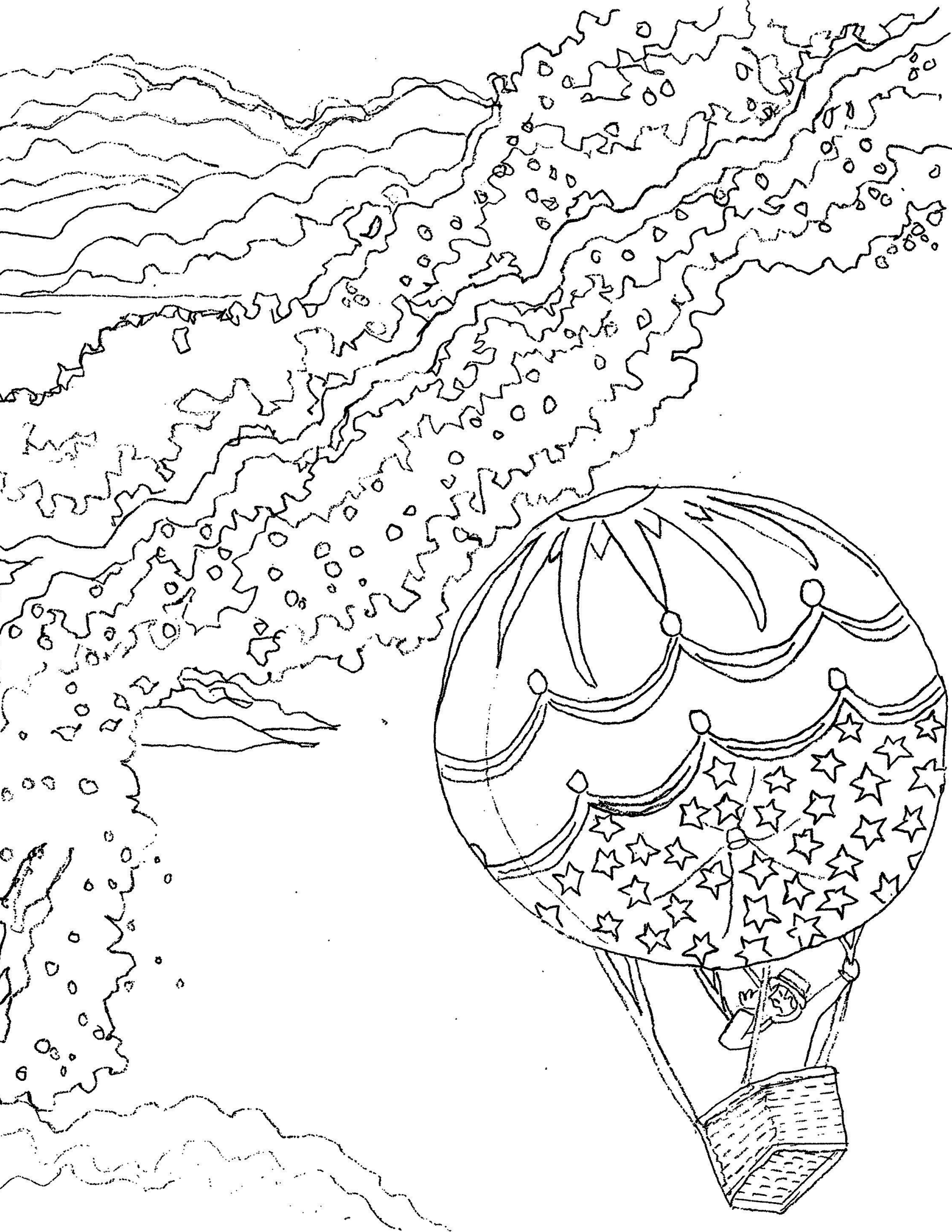
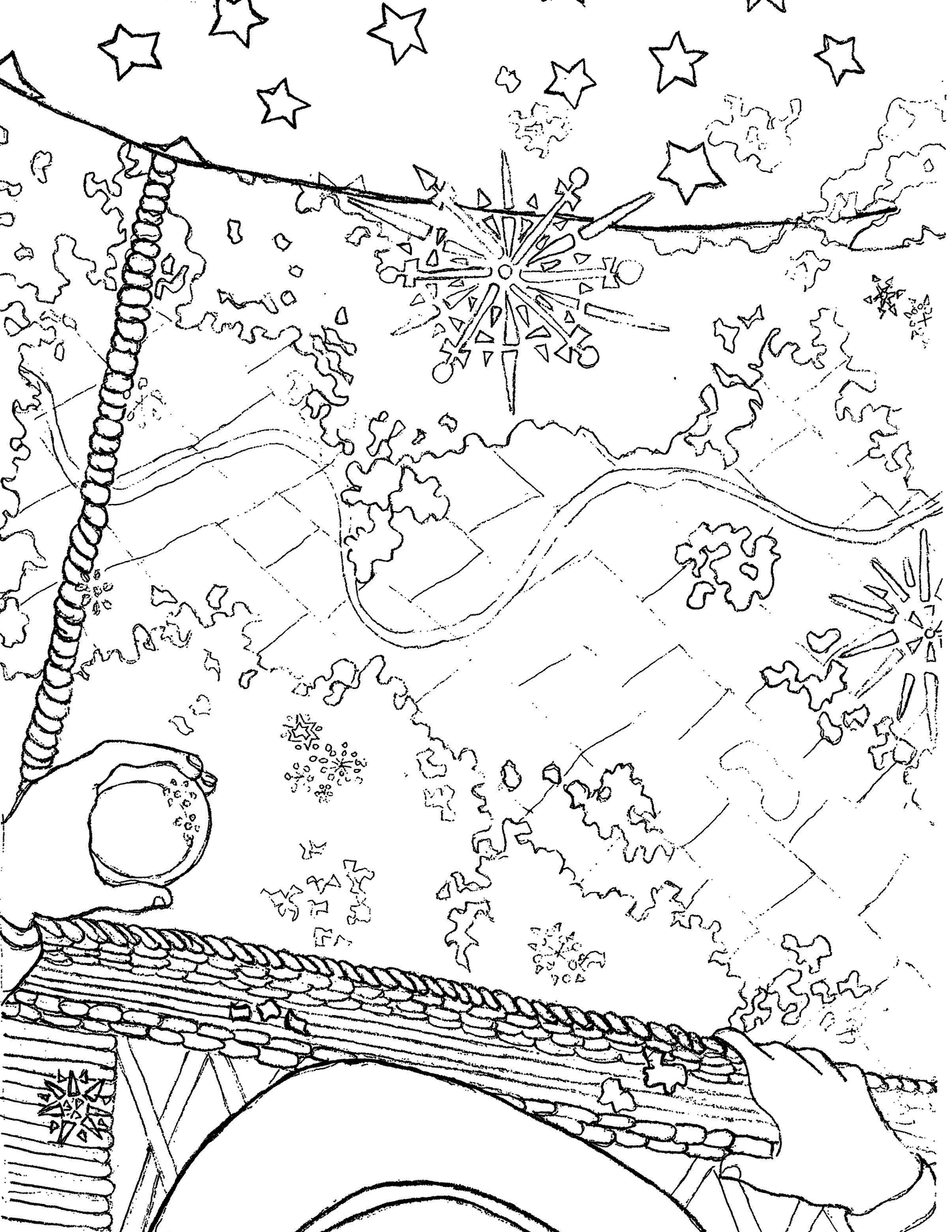
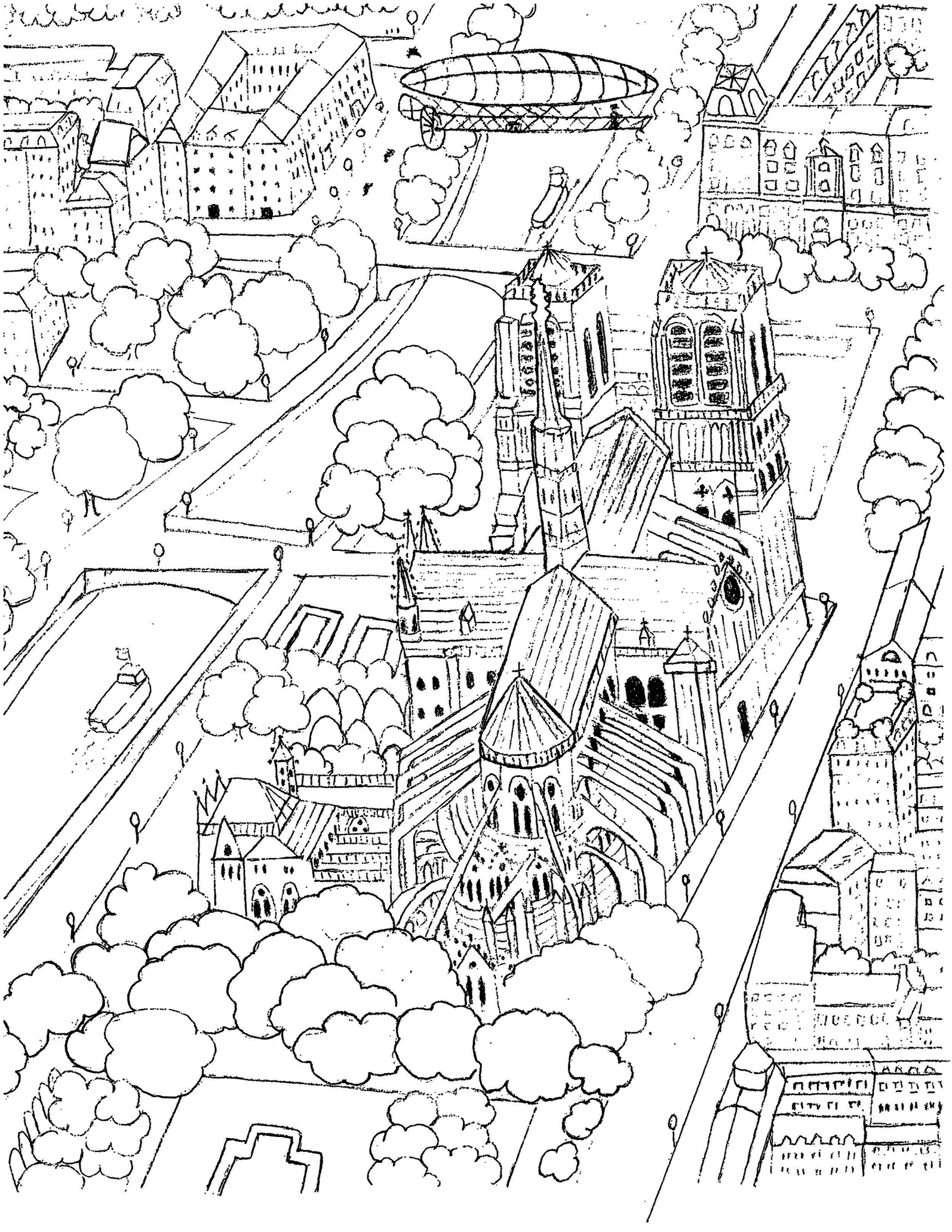










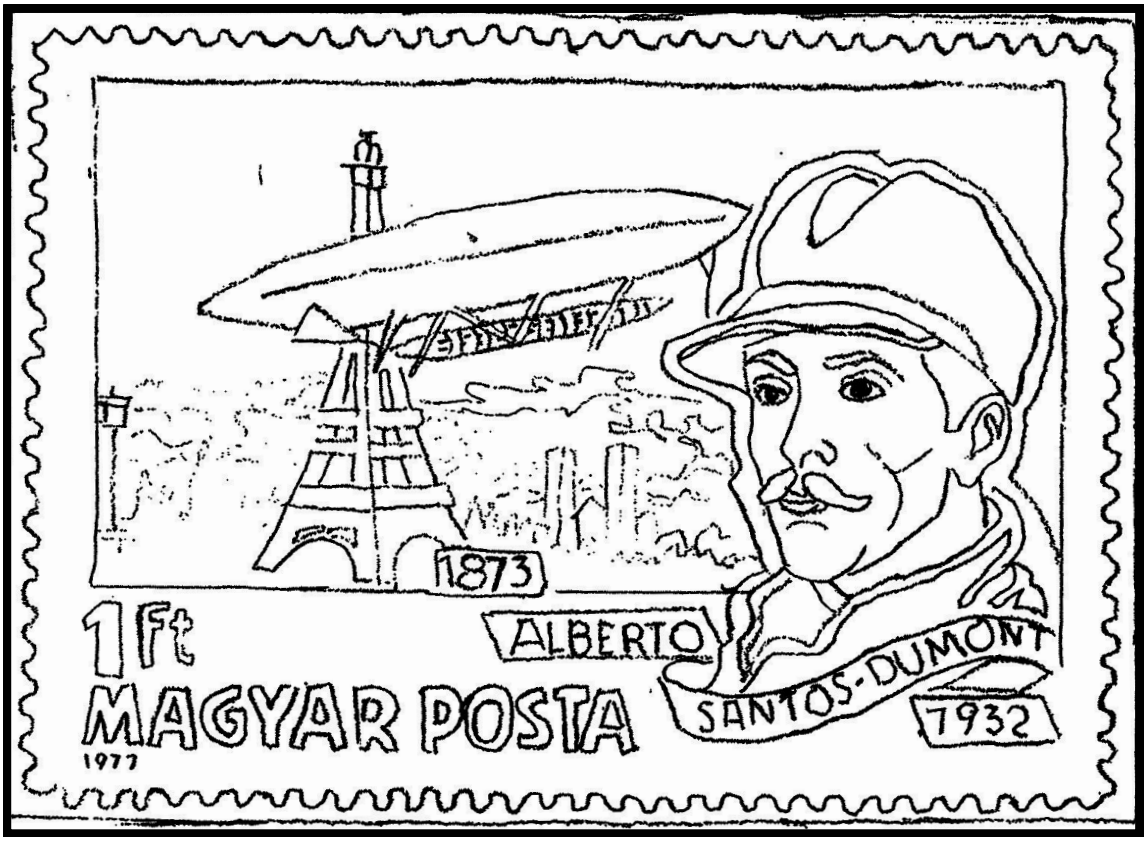
Vanity Fair magazine put a cartoon of Alberto on the cover for winning the Deutsch Prize in 1901.

Cartoon Drawing of Alberto Santos-Dumont by Sem

Sem'a real name was Georges Goursat (1863-1934). He was a famous cartoonist of the early 20th century

Stamps printed in Honor of Alberto Santos-Dumont

The top stamp, printed in Brazil in 1973, celebrates Alberto's centennial. Alberto's image is brown and the background is green. The 1977 Hungarian stamp below celebrates Alberto's flight around the Eiffel Tower in 1901. The sky is dark blue, the blimp is yellow, Alberto's hat and shirt are red. Alberto lived from 1873—1932.



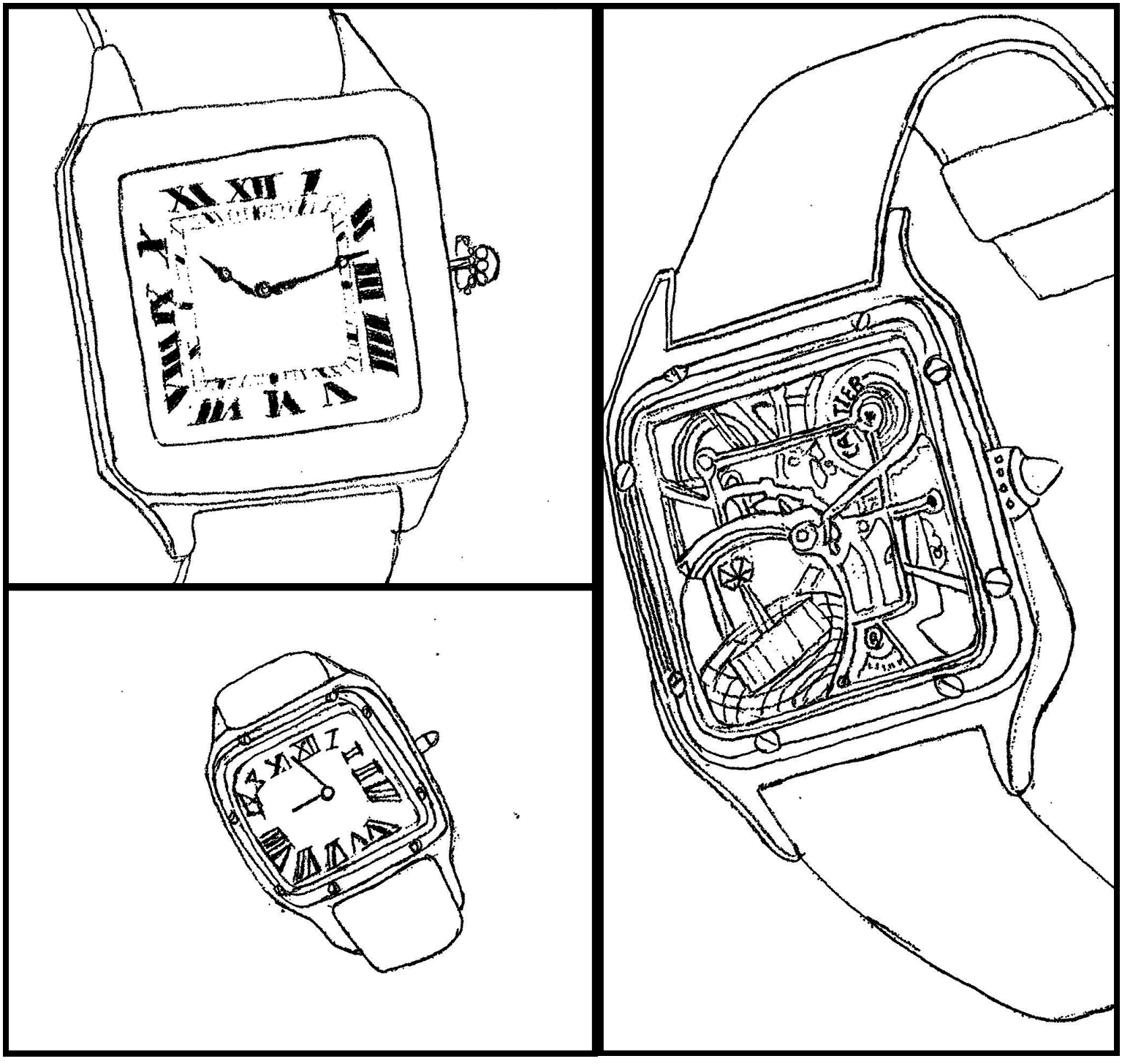
The 19 year old Spanish American Aida d'Acosta was the first woman to fly a motorized aircraft.

CARTIER'S ALBERTO SANTOS-DUMONT WATCH

Top left corner: The original men's wristwatch made for Alberto by Cartier

Bottom left corner: Yet another version

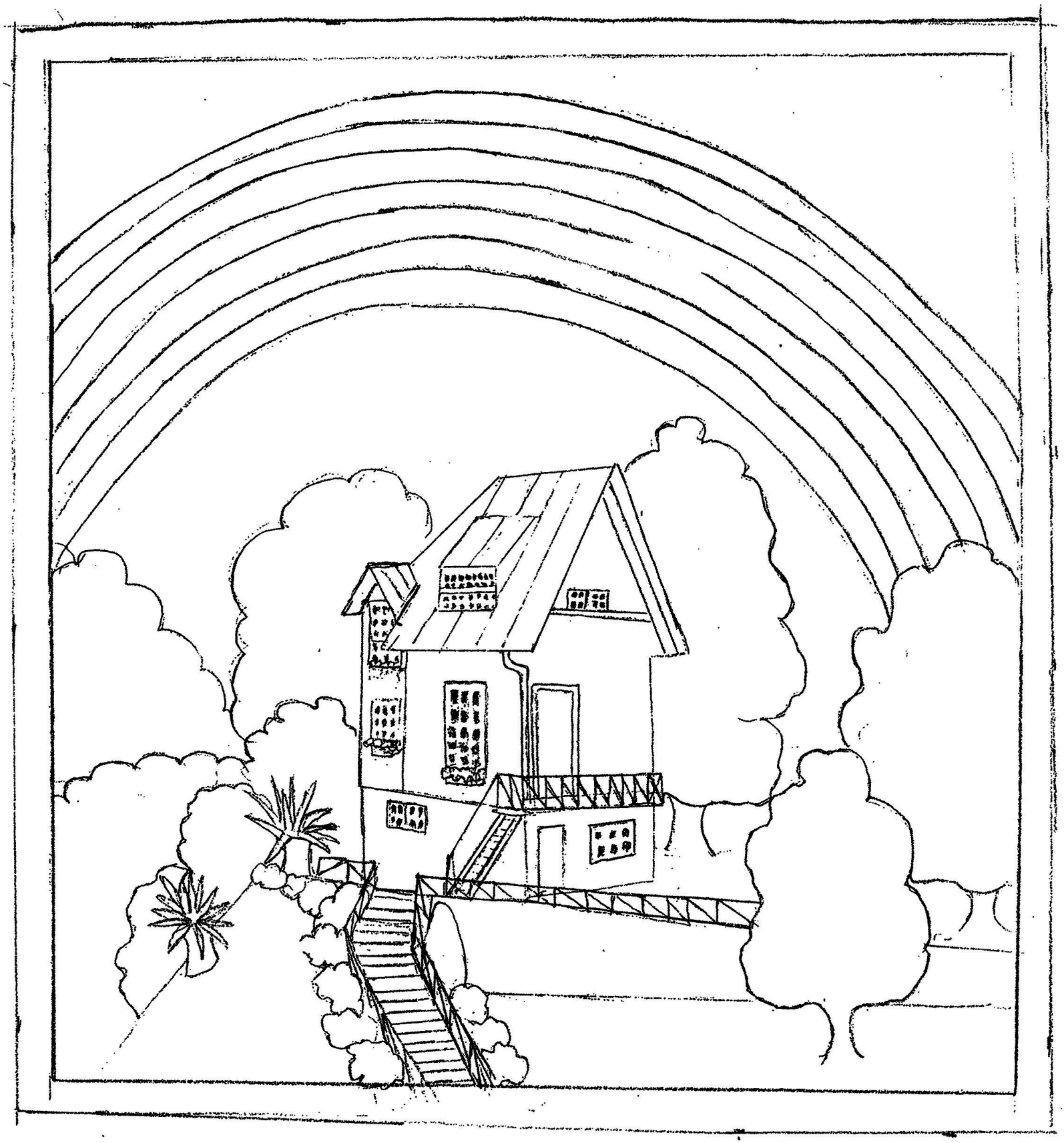
Right: One of many new versions of Alberto's watch



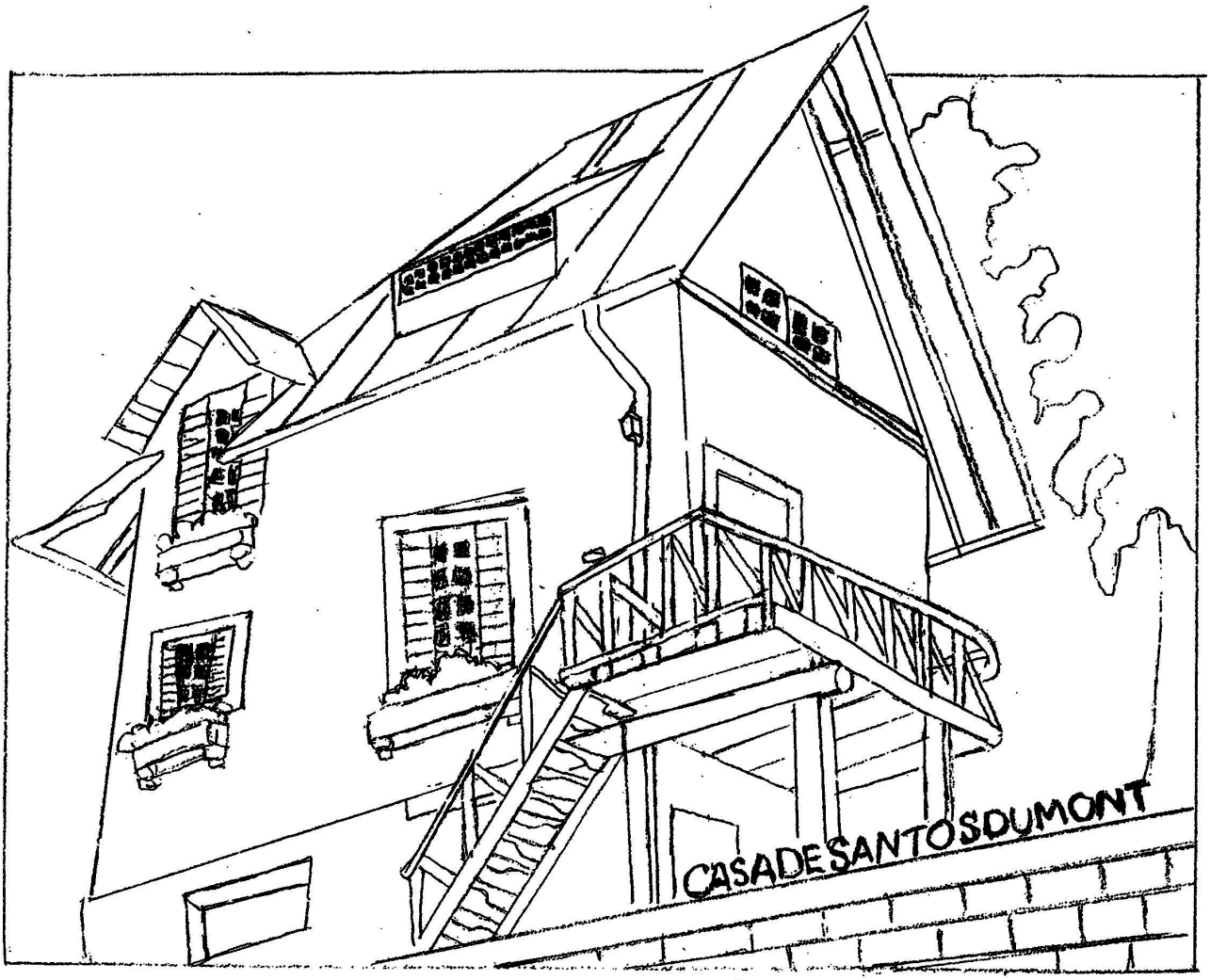
This medal honors Alberto's 1901 dirigible flight. The top is in French: Homage (In praise) of Alberto Santos-Dumont. For the first dirigible balloon.

The reverse side of the coin): Portuguese: Por mares nunca d'antes navegados (Through seas never navigated before), referring to the sky as a sea.

Alberto Santos-Dumont's small house in Buenos Aires, which he designed for himself.



THE HOUSE ALBERTO BUILT

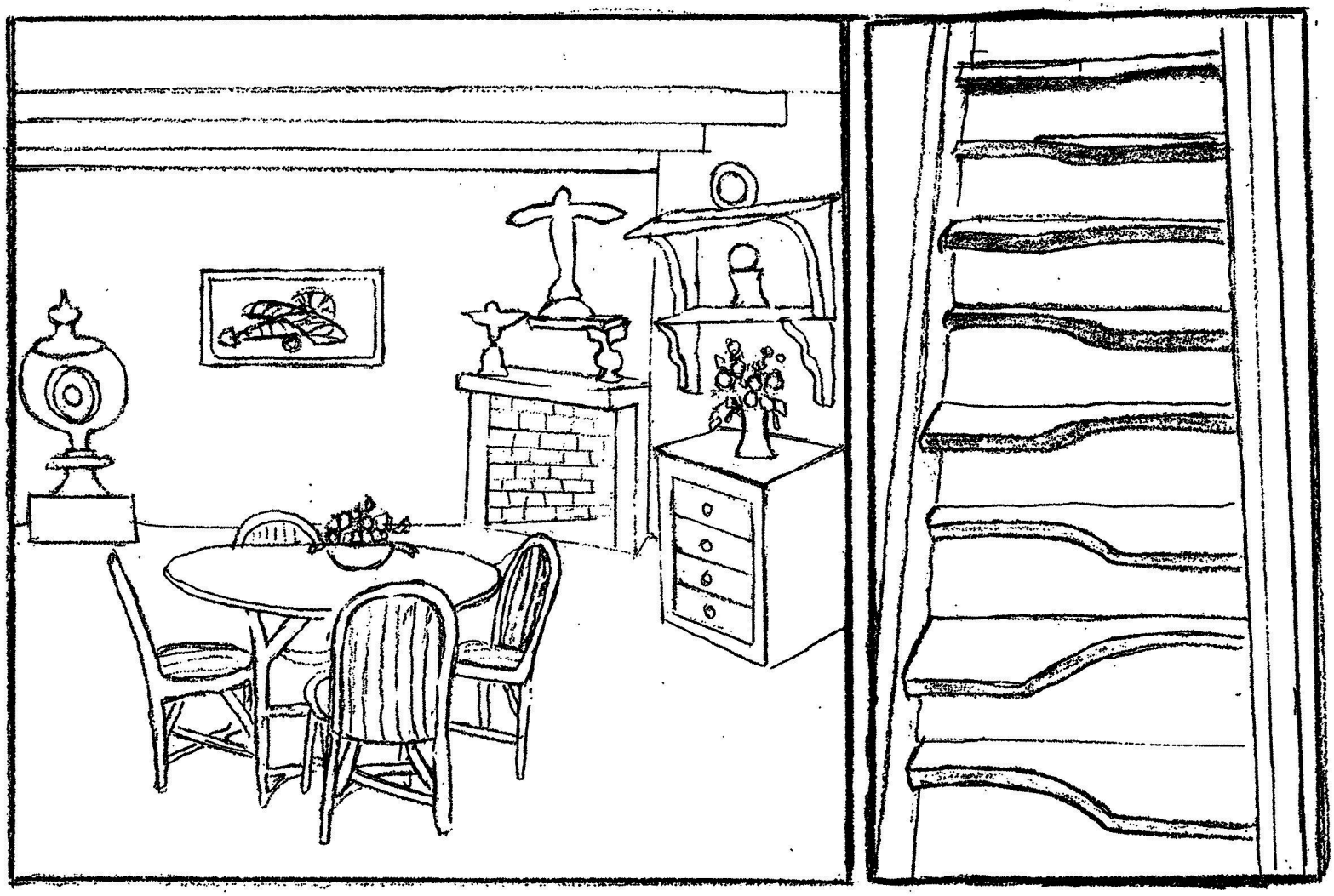


Alberto built his house in 1918 in Rio de Janeiro. He named his house "The Enchanted".
His house had the first shower with hot water in Brazil that was heated using alcohol.

You can only climb the external staircase by starting with the right foot because the stairs are cut, alternating with only a half of the step available to stand on.There are no partitions between rooms and no kitchen (all meals were delivered by the Palace Hotel's restaurant).

He wrote "O que eu vi, o que nós veremos" ("Oh, what we have seen, and Oh what we will see") here in 1918. The house is open to the public.

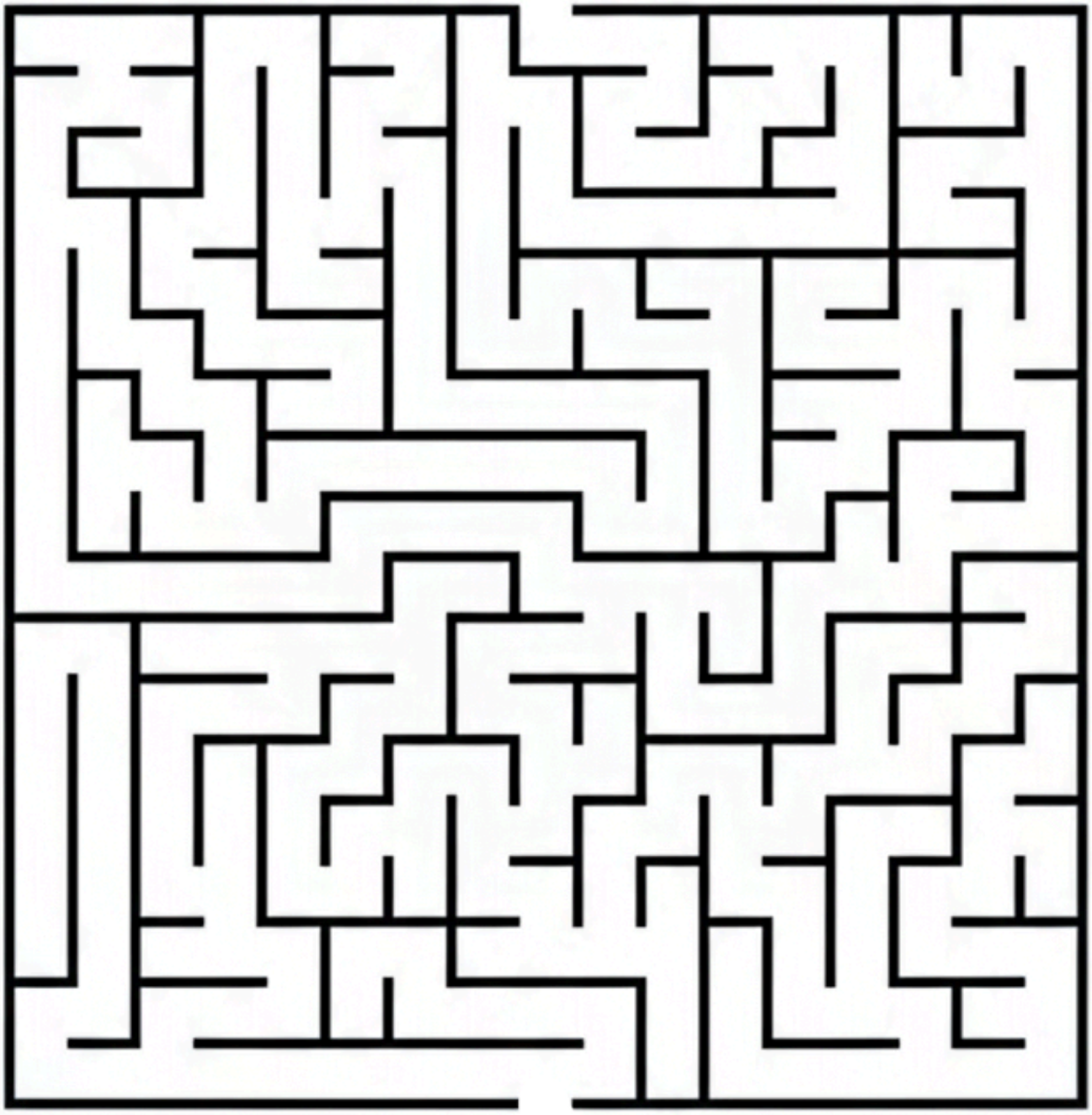
Alberto's living room/dining room and his quirky front steps.



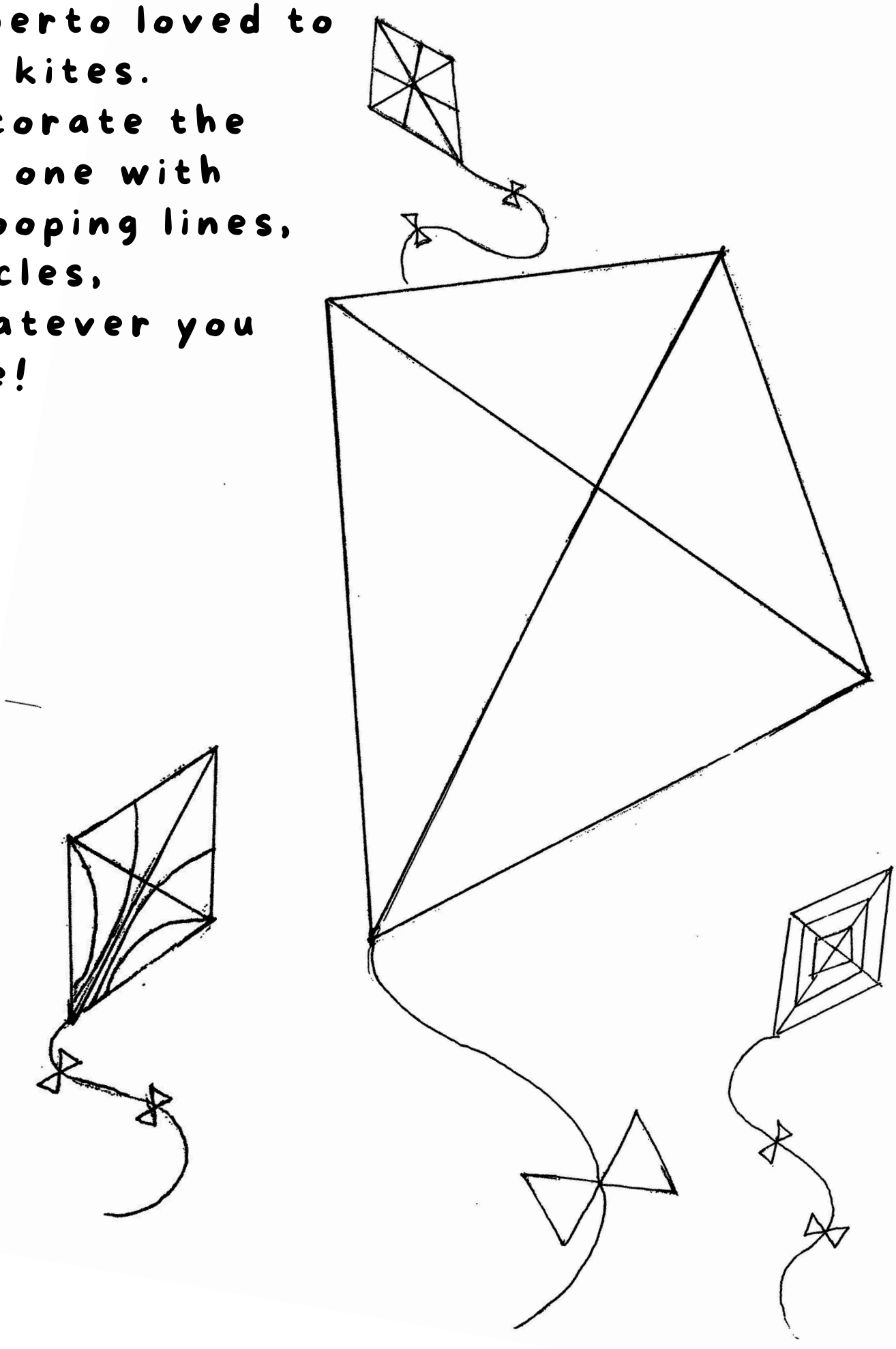
Despite his wealth, Alberto lived simply in Brazil. In his living room/dining room, do you see three of the prizes he was awarded for his accomplishments in flight?What do they all have in common?

Why does everybody entering his house have to start going up the staircase with the right foot? Was Alberto sending a message? (Do you know the expression, "Let's start off on the right foot," ? Can you guess what it means?)

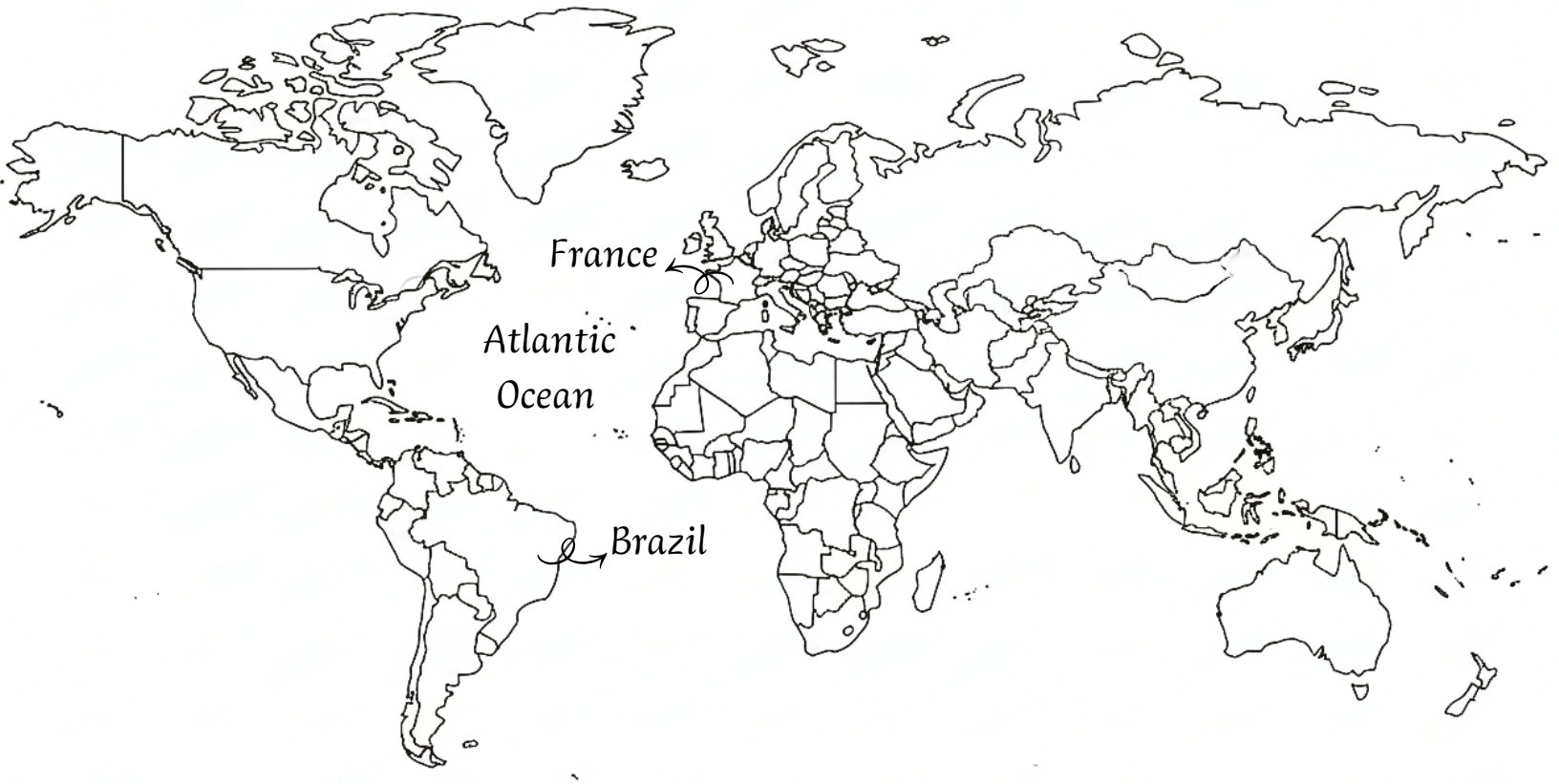
Help Alberto find his key!



Alberto loved to fly kites. Decorate the big one with swooping lines, circles, whatever you like!



COLOR BRAZIL GREEN,
THE UNITED STATES YELLOW,
AND FRANCE RED.
MAKE THE ATLANTIC NAVY BLUE.



CAN YOU FIND YOUR COUNTRY ON
THE MAP?

Alberto won the Deutsch Prize in October of 1901, when the Fall leaves were swirling through the air.

Color these beautiful Fall leaves bright red, yellow, green, and brown.

This space is all yours!
What story will your colors tell?